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[Letter in German]

[Note: The following is a translation of a letter written in very bad German with many English words interspersed]

Dear []

Your letter of May 1 received. Since I was travelling quite a lot with my track team I was only in Denver for a few days and could, therefore, not reply any sooner. We had some wonderful trips to ⁱSoux Falls, South Dakota, and Logan, Utah. My athletes had some nice results and many records were shattered. On Sunday, 25 May, we shall compete for the last time at Fort Collins, Colorado and then everything will be finished. I am still waiting for a reply from San Francisco State, Alameda State, Kansas University and the University of Nevada at Reno. Should nothing come of this I shall travel to Los Angeles on June 10, alone at first. I shall look for work and shelter. Then I shall return to Denver to collect my family.

For the last two weeks I have had a ^{foreign} ~~fuller~~ athlete on my track squad, Gidion Ariel from Israel. He is a talented discus thrower and shot ^U ~~potter~~. He ^{spent} ~~was for~~ two months at Fort Collins, Colorado State University, but was not happy there because no one trained him. Washington, D. C. asked me to take him over. I

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was suppose^d to find a private family to house him and to care for his meals. At first he lived for five days in my house.

The Moroccans are very satisfied and had much publicity. From June 2nd to June 7th, all foreign athletes will meet at Fort Collins, Colorado for the final track clinic. Fred Wilt, David Dichter and I will conduct the final instructions in coaching and general sports and physical education problems.

Now to the core of the matter: Two Engineering Friends

Liepa Alberts -- 1200 Palace Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. He is the same person who was a Russian prisoner of war for five years. I spoke with Mr Liepa about 'bld times" quite a lot and we got back to speaking about mutual acquaintances. First we spoke of ~~Valdis~~^{Val} ~~Gravitis~~^{vi}, whom I knew very well from the Latvian University at Riga. During the Russian occupation from 1940 to 1941, ~~Gravitis~~^{vi} was a member of the Latvian Communist Party and worked together with A. ~~Likums~~^{Likums}, who was also a member of the Communist Party, Arturs Egle and Varaslavans^j in the electro-technical division of the Cinematography and Film Department. This was during the Russian Occupation! Valdis Gravitis is allegedly at present working as a photographer in the United States, somewhere in the vicinity of Boston or Philadelphia.

Egle, Arvids, who is also currently in the United States, is most probably a Communist Party member but it is not absolutely

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certain. Egle was very active and convinced about Communism. He is allegedly working somewhere in the United States in the field of bridge construction.

A. Likums is currently in Latvia and works as a painter; he is a big official of the Communist Party in Riga and is employed at the Latvian opera.

Varaslovaus is dead.

Back to Gravitis: He is now about 48 years old, has a pock-marked face, is slender and has brown hair. My friend Robert Blukis lives in Kansas City, telephone No MI 9-0808 Kansas. He is working in the Rocket Industry.

Dr M. D. in Honolulu is Dr Bite. I can not recall his first name.

Enclosure: A letter from Canada which I received some days ago but I do not know for sure from whom.

[Signed] Yours [signature illegible]

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